

## SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES



### City of Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m., Thursday March 4, 2010  
Granite Reef Senior Center, Room 7  
1700 N.Granite Reef Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Present: Chairperson Gerald Miller,  
Vice Chairperson Howard Myers  
Commissioner Carla  
Commissioner Melinda Gulick  
Commissioner BJ Heggli  
Commissioner Rand Hubbell  
Commissioner Deke Joralmon  
Commissioner Fred Kelin  
Commissioner Linda Whitehead

Absent: Commissioner Susan Wheeler

Staff: Bill Murphy (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)  
Kroy Ekblaw  
Scott Hamilton  
Claire Miller  
Robbin Schweitzer  
Lorelei Oien

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.

#### 2. **ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call was conducted confirming members present as stated above.

#### 3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chairman Miller called for a moment of silence.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 4, 2010, regular meeting minutes approved as corrected. Chairman Miller noted that a motion and vote were not necessary.

**6. 2010 CENSUS PRESENTATION**

Lisa Blyler, Neighborhood Projects Coordinator, presented an overview of the City's Census 2010 outreach efforts and the impact to the City of Scottsdale.

**7. PRESERVE TAX REVIEW**

City of Scottsdale's Finance Manager, Lee Guillory, presented information and financial summary on the status of the Preserve Tax.

**8. UPDATE FROM MCDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY – (Ruthie Carll)**

Ruthie Carll was unavailable so update of McDowell Sonoran conservancy postponed to a later meeting date.

**9. DESERT DISCOVERY CENTER CONSULTANT AND PROCESS UPDATE – (Kroy Ekblaw, B.J. Heggli, John Sather)**

Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, Commissioner Heggli, and John Sather, Consultant, Swaback and Associates, provided an update of the process for developing the Desert Discovery Center.

**10. COMMITTEE UPDATES & ACTIONS**

Vice Chair Myers, Planning Committee Chair, provided an update and led a discussion of the Planning Committee activities, including the Management Plan status, the updated Preserve fire and emergency response plan for 2010, the latest revisions and updates of commercial use permits, and naming recognition.

Commissioner Whitehead, Promotion Committee Chair, provided an update of Promotion Committee activities.

Commissioner Whitehead provided an update of Scottsdale's General Plan (2012).

Motion by Commissioner Carla to direct the Planning Committee to move forward with the five items as listed by the Planning Committee Chair, knowing that they may change in priority as conditions change.

Second by Commissioner Joralmon

Motion passed with a vote of seven (7) to two (2) with Commissioner Heggli and Commissioner Gulick dissenting.

Motion by Commissioner Carla for the MSPC to accept the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Fire and Emergency Response Plan as outlined.  
Second by Commissioner Hubbell

Motion passed unanimously with a vote of nine (9) to zero (0).

Motion by Commissioner Joralmon to approve the Commercial Permit System Policy dated March, 2010, and send to the City Council for approval, and to enact the commercial permit system thereafter.

Motion passed unanimously with a vote of nine (9) to zero (0).

Motion by Vice Chair Howard Myers, Second by Commissioner Whitehead, to accept the draft policy as is for naming features, and include it as part of the management plan. Commissioner Klein offered an amendment with a second by Commissioner Heggli, requesting outside group application screening.

Motion fails by a vote of two (2) to five (5), with Chairman Miller abstaining from the vote.

Motion by Commissioner Carla to send back the draft of the naming recognition policy and incorporate that not everything needs to be named, and not everything needs to be named after people, and to bring the updated draft to a future MSPC meeting for further review.  
Second by Chairman Joralmon,

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) to one (1), with Commissioner Heggli dissenting.

#### **11. TRAIL CONNECTION BETWEEN SCOTTSDALE AND FOUNTAIN HILLS' PRESERVES**

Commission follow-up discussion from Study Session regarding trail connections.

Motion by Commissioner Heggli to direct city staff to research "Segment B" with trail options and complete comprehensive analysis with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and continue communication with the Fountain Hills Preservation Commission.

Second by Commissioner Klein

Motion passed unanimously with a vote of eight (8) to zero (0). (Commissioner Carla was out of the room during the vote)

**12. PRESERVE ACQUISITION STRATEGY REPORT – (Kroy Ekblaw / Commissioners)**

**13. PRESERVE REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS – (Kroy Ekblaw & Bill Murphy)**

Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, provided information on Tom's Thumb Trailhead design status and Preserve land policy and acquisition, as well as the history of the project.

Bill Murphy, Community Services Executive Director provided information on preserve operations, and details of North Access Area tour to be held Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Bill Murphy also provided update on the Challenge event.

**14. QUARTERLY REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL – (Gerald Miller)**

Chair Miller led discussion and review of a draft quarterly report to City Council.

**15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Miller provided information of a proposal for a plant inventory project through Arizona State University.

Commissioner Carla presented a "Preserve vs Park" discussion.

Commissioner Whitehead expressed concerns about timed competitive events conflicting with other users.

Commissioner Heggli expressed interest in providing time limits for meetings.

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners and staff discussed future agenda items.

Items for Future Meetings:

- Joint meeting with TDC and MSPC on DDC – Week of March 15th
- Steward Training (Saturday in May)
- Naming Recognition (May)
- Proposed Preserve Research Project
- Meeting Time Limits

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The Commission cannot discuss or vote on items not on the agenda, including items brought up as Commission or public comments. If action by the Commission is required, the item should be placed on the next meeting's agenda to be consistent with the Arizona Open Meetings Law.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lorelei Oien  
Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,  
Kroy Ekblaw  
Preserve Director